Investment in Ratnagiri Gas and Power Ltd.

†2063. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total power generation capacity of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Ltd. project is 2184 mega watt;

(b) if so, whether any time frame has been fixed for the project to generate power by utilizing full generation capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the investment yet to be required in the project for utilization of entire generation capacity?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The net installed capacity of the three Power Blocks at RGPPL Project has been considered as 2150 MW with LNG fuel.

(b) The plant would operate to its full generation capacity only after the gas supplies commence. As per latest indications the gas supplies are expected to be available by March, 2007.

(c) As per provisional estimate, an investment of Rs. 8.70 crore was envisaged for revival and completion of the power plant and the LNG facilities. An expenditure of Rs. 250 crore has been incurred towards revival works till 31st July, 2006. The exact revival cost shall, however, be known only once these works are completed.

Partnership agreement between State Governments and Central Government

†2064. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between the Central Government and the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan regarding the share in hydro-electricity projects of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether the share of Rajasthan has been fixed accordingly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) whether the Central Government is considering to refer the claims regarding share of Rajasthan in hydro-electricity projects of Punjab to the Supreme Court for their opinion?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) An agreement was reached between the States of Punjab, Haryana & Rajasthan and Government of India on 10.05.1984 wherein it was agreed that in view of the claims raised by Haryana & Rajasthan for sharing of power in Anandpur Sahib Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, UBDC Stage-II and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, the Government of India shall refer the matter to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for its opinion as to whether the States of Rajasthan & Haryana are entitled to a share in the power generated from these projects and if they are, then what would be the share of each State. It was agreed that the Hon'ble Supreme Court's opinion obtained by Government of India shall be remitted to the signatory states and shall be binding on them.

The matter has not been referred to the Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, a number of formal and informal discussions have taken place since 1984 to settle the issue amicably. These issues were also discussed in the Northern Zonal Council meetings held in 1997, 1999 and 2005. So far, no consensus has emerged due to divergent views.

Further, consequent upon the enactment of the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004 by the Government of Punjab terminating all its agreements on sharing of water with the other States, Union Government has referred the matter to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for seeking its advice.

India's participation in Science at global level

†2065. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that participation of India's science has been decreasing on global level after the decade of seventies;

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